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ATTACHMENT "A" TO OFPM-21529

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BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON AECAPELIN-1

1. Subject, born 11 November 1912, in Zakomarie, Western Ukraine, became a member of the Ukrainian Military Organization (UVO) in 1928, and upon reorganization of the latter group, entered into the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) in 1929. He became an instructor of an illegal underground youth section of the OUN in January 1934, and upon arrest of many of the leaders of the OUN homeland executive committee in November 1934, Subject was given duties as Organizational Referent. In 1935, Subject became publisher of a nationalistic, anti-Bolshevik newspaper of the OUN and was arrested by the Polish government in September 1935 and imprisoned for three months. He was again arrested in July 1937 by the Polish government and was released in September 1939 upon outbreak of the German-Polish war.

2. Upon direction of OUN officials, Subject agreed, in November 1939, to become a member of the German counterintelligence service. Until April 1945, Subject served, on a regular and part-time basis, with various sections of the German intelligence service and was awarded several decorations for his successes in counterintelligence operations directed against the USSR.

3. Subject, who had earlier studied at a theological school, was ordained during the latter part of 1944. From September 1945 to April 1957, he was employed as an instructor in a private Ukrainian gymnasium at Salzburg, teaching courses in the Bible and in Latin, and also served as representative of the Anti-Bolshevik Block of Nations (ABN) in Salzburg, and the Tyrol. Since April 1947, Subject has been residing in Munich, where he has held the post of Chancellor of the Holy Autocephalic Church of Poland in Germany. He was chief of the Security Service (SB) of the Foreign Section of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists led by Stefan BANDERA (ZCh/OUN or OUN/B) until August 1948 when he left this organization and concentrated his intelligence efforts for KUBARK.

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AECAPELIN-1's OPERATIONAL BACKGROUND

1. Background - General: AECAPELIN-1, now under Munich Operations Base control, is a qualified, capable, professional GE informant who has been used by KUBARK in Austria and Germany since 1947, and who has previously indicated willingness to leave Germany for personal reasons and because of an increasingly tight operational situation. For these reasons and due to his having circulated among the same unwitting informants for a long period of time, Headquarters was also interested in investigating his transfer, but negotiations were deferred.

2. Background - Intelligence: AECAPELIN-1 is a Ukrainian of middle age who has been employed by KUBARK as an informant since 1947. He has been active in intelligence since the 1920's and is extremely capable in discreetly obtaining information from a wide variety of sources. As a non-party man, he has earned the confidence and confidences of a variety of Ukrainian political leaders. He has also supplied KUBARK with counter-intelligence/counterespionage information, as well as positive intelligence on overt and covert activities of Ukrainian, Polish, Soviet and German political, social, welfare and para-military emigre groups in Germany and in other countries of Western Europe. He has also provided name traces, character studies, etc., concerning certain former Iron Curtain personalities who are now in Western Europe. It has often been said of AECAPELIN-1 that he possesses the requirements of the natural, "ideal agent". In view of his experiences, natural inclinations and pro-American orientation, working for the Americans is the logical course for him to follow. He is willing to report on the emigration in the belief that he can help to uncover Soviet penetrations and to bring about a unification of the various emigre political camps.

3. Motivation: Subject is anti-Soviet and against Russian imperialism, and he also opposes the Soviet regime on religious grounds. He would like to see a free, independent Ukraine.

4. Security:

a. AECAPELIN-1 is by inclination very security conscious, a fact which has been demonstrated on many occasions.

b. Notwithstanding the above, we feel that the following incidents might have some bearing on Subject's security.

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(1) In April 1957, a Munich pouch was inadvertently routed to UPSWING. Assuming that UPSWING would have copied the documents, they should have had no trouble in deducing that ACAPELIN-1 was our agent in view of the comments contained in the dispatch and the nature of ACAPELIN-1's reporting even though his true name was not mentioned.

(2) On one occasion, a Soviet Staffer (RIS) stated to one of our double agents that ACAPELIN-1 was in the employ of the American Intelligence Service, only that and nothing more. The Staffer did not elaborate. (could have been a Smokescreen for RIS sponsorship!)

5. Production: In view of ACAPELIN-1's intelligence background and his keen grasp of political, religious and economic situations, he has proved himself extremely helpful in his ability to predict Soviet intentions and interpret and constructively criticize Soviet policy. This has been especially true in our efforts to combat the machinations in West Germany of the East Berlin Committee for the Return to the Homeland. Numerous counterespionage and operational leads have been supplied by Subject. The realisability and value of his reports are firmly established.

6. Salary: The salary paid Subject locally is \$200.00 per month in local currency. An additional \$200.00 per month is placed in his escrow account. A contingency fund totaling \$300.00 has been set aside for an eventual transfer of ACAPELIN-1 and effects, and he will be provided with \$150.00 for key money for living quarters.

7. Miscellaneous: Subject stems from a good, solid-middle class Ukrainian family. He has no permanent mistresses, he is not addicted to drugs and his gambling is nil. He is a light smoker and an occasional drinker of wine or beer. He is an intelligent "operator" who knows how to "keep his nose clean", can be glib when necessary and has great presence of mind - quite capable of playing the alleged role. Incidentally, Subject previously delayed his emigration (via IRO sponsorship) to the United States at our request. As a result, we have guaranteed passage for him (and his wife - should he marry) to the United States under provisions of P.L.110. Should his emigration to the United States materialize, he would like to continue working with AIS. Subject's language qualifications include Ukrainian, Polish, Russian, Latin and German (all good). Because of his academic and linguistic background it is felt that he can learn the French language within a reasonable period of time.

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